



**Red Rock Canyon State Park
General Plan Amendment**

**PUBLIC MEETING #2
January 18, 2003**

**WRITTEN COMMENTS
Comment Cards**

- Monitor ongoing activities at old Dutch Cleanser Mine; Ensure that they do not go outside patented land and that the activities conform to the conditions specified in the Kern County conditional use permit and the BLM access permit.
- Close old, mostly revegetated motorized trail over red buttes (or make it into a foot) horse trail) and make red buttes a State Wilderness area.
- When you rewrite the alternative maps and reproduce them in black and white for mass distribution, please use stripes, dots, stars, asterisks, etc., instead of shading.
- You proposed to stop all hunting in side State Park boundary. How dare you restrict equine use while implying equine use is the same as motorized & bike putting us in harms way. I do not like any of the alternates. Why will you build new campsite instead of utilizing existing campgrounds. You need to have focus groups with all user groups before you make any drafts. State needs to hire a team to do better mapping.
- A concern is equestrian use as mentioned in the meeting. I don't worry so much about the horses as I do the support vehicles that are often associated with them- those can be destructive to the land as well as the park experience of other visitors.
- Am very pleased with as much conservation as is possible! Including plants birds, animals and archaeological sites (need to be preserved)! No hunting means any shell cases! State Parks are not responsible for maintaining neither roads nor trails.
- For the benefit of the amateur astronomy community the area along Redrock-Inyokern Road should remain in its present primitive condition. Focus-use zone designation could lead to improvements that would draw more campers who would bring light pollution in the form of lanterns, campfires, motor home lights, flashlights, vehicle lights, etc. Remember, this was designated as one of the 10 best astronomy sites in So. Cal. Let's keep it that way for future generations.
- Zone 3 has too much proposed primitive area in the north end. Stargazing with telescopes has such minimal impact it is hard to justify alternative 3. 2 looks a lot better.
- The title for the Red Rock Canyon State Park expansion has roads in the North East corner the majority of roads are in washes. This should be acknowledged so that the protection of the desert tortoise does not close roads in washes in the future. I would like the EIR to include the existing old 1/3 of the park and the

- new 2/3 of the park. I would like an alternative to include access through the old and new parts of the park connecting Jawbone and the El Paso's. I would like the EIR to include the existing and proposed staffing of the park along with operation hours. Hopefully the staffing and therefore the level of service will increase with the size of the park. The document handed out today, 1/18/03, titled resource inventory was misnamed. It is a resource inventory plan. There is more detail needed to specify all Federal and State plants and animals that are endangered, threatened, and species of concern. Planning precepts should be included also.
- I am the person to televise all meetings in the Council Chambers. If I am notified of the meeting in advance, I most likely will be able to televise all programs...Thank you.
 1. There is no way mountain bike and equestrian users are the same. Bikes are wheeled vehicles that move at high velocity and leave ruts, which lead to erosion. Horses are hooved creatures that move at animal pace and leave water catching pockets. Horses do less damage than hikers, and should be allowed any place hikers are allowed
 2. Be careful about closing the public, the owners off from public lands. Large numbers of people are unable to hike in the desert for one reason or another, including age, infirmity, or disability. They have as much need for the renewal and re-creation found in the desert as the physically able elite.
 3. Lump horses and hikers together and regulate as little as possible for all users. The years and years of rock—hounding and mining and other uses have had little impact in the good scheme of things.
 - Roads should be kept to a minimum.
 - All roads that began life as a motorcycle trail should be closed unless they are of some use as a foot or equestrian trail.
 - Foot trails be restricted to foot and/or horse traffic.
 - Hunting of any type should be prohibited. (Hunting is obviously recreational but in my opinion is in conflict with the major uses of a state park)
 - My overall choice of a management plan would closely resemble #3, green zone.
 - My choice of the next meeting location is in either California City or Mojave.